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**SUBJECT/MESSAGE:**

Serial No. 08/860,844; filed June 9, 1997

- 1) Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (1 page); and
- 2) Amendment under 37 CFR §1.111 with marked-up version of amended claims (10 pages).

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

A Petition and fee for a three-month Extension of Time through and including August 26, 2002, accompanies this Amendment.

In response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please substitute the following claims:

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